

The FCC should continue to regulate Broadband service for the sake of the independent service provider. I have had broadband service for the past three years and for the past two years I have been with an independent service provider, specifically Sonic.net. I can say that I would not want to have to be at the mercy of a large Company such as SBC when it comes to my broadband connection. Being an experienced broadband user, and having been employed in the Telecom industry, I am sure that I do not want my connection controlled by just one company. I am sure there would be serious quality of service issues. As it is now my service goes through SBC, and probably two thirds of my monthly bill goes to SBC. Maybe even more, since they tend to squeeze their competition by raising their rates while promoting their own service at half price. Yet even with higher cost to me I know that I am going to get better service because the ISP that I go through is paying for a switch that connects me to the internet. As long as the ISP that I use continues to pay for the switch SBC must maintain that switch and keep it running at 99.99% efficiency. That means it should never go down. The ISP handles the Internet service with their own systems, which they maintain very well. I can't offer proof, It is just a fact. If SBC was to have full control of all the broadband service, there would be no more guarantee of uptime or quality of service. They would degrade the connection with rules and fees and every reason why I should switch to cable, which is already riddled with restriction and poor quality.